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LOKADALATS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Lok Adalats held in the rural areas of the country during each of the last three years, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the number of cases disposed of in these Lok Adalats;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to make the Lok Adalats more effective; and

(d) the number of Lok Adalats proposed to be held during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKATAPATHY)

(a) &(b): The requisite information is being collected from all States Legal Services Authorities in the country and the information will be laid on the Table of the House as and when the same is received.

(c): With a view to strengthen Lok Adalats, the Government has enacted the Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002 for providing compulsory pre-litigative mechanism for conciliation and settlement of disputes relating to `Public Utility Services`. The amended Act stipulates for the establishment of Permanent Lok Adaiats for exercising jurisdiction in respect of disputes relating to public utility services, such as, transport services, postal, communication, supply of power, services in hospital/dispensary, insurance services, etc.

(d); Organising Lok Adalats is a continuing process and the same are need based and as such, no specified number of Lok Adalats can be indicated.